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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- i. ☒ Response
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- a. ☒ **Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months.** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:1464 130.00 OP
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

The present application has pending claims 1 and 3-14.


The present Response is being filed as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). It should be noted that the RCE includes a Request for Suspension of Action on the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three (3) months.

The present Response, which is subsequent to the Amendment filed on July 27, 2007, hereby incorporates said Amendment herein by reference. In said Amendment, amendments were made to the claims to more clearly describe features of the present invention. A supplemental reply may be filed within the time period during which action is suspended.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing Attorney Docket No. 500.42984X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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